

**Demand and Supply of Naphtha**

2677. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present demand of Naphtha for power plants, Fertilizer Plants, etc. in the country and what has been the indigenous production during the last three years;

(b) what is the price per MT of Naphtha since 1998, year-wise; and

(c) what is the quantity of Naphtha imported every year since the year 1998 and at what price per MT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The consumption of Naphtha during 2000-2001 for power plants, fertilizers plants etc. in the country is estimated to be around 7.5 MMT. The domestic production of Naphtha during the last three years has been as under:—

Year	MMT
1997-98	6.196
1998-99	7.098
1999-2000	9.558

(b) The ex-storage point prices of Naphtha during last three years, at the beginning of each year, were as under:—

1.4.1998 Rs. 7,072.00 per MT

1.4.1999 Rs. 7,100.00 per MT

1.4.2000 Rs. 12,940.00 per MT

(c) Quantity of Naphtha imported by PSUs and the average import price during last two years, were as under:—

Year	Quantity (TMT)	Price in (US Dollar/MT)
1998-99	168	131.0
1999-2000	230	234.8

TMT: Thousand Metric Tonnes

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**Development of Tourist Infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh**

2678. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to develop tourist infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh to attract domestic and foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, the number of foreign as well as domestic tourist who arrived in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist infrastructure is primarily undertaken by State Government/U.T. Administrations. Department of tourism, Government of India, however provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. Last year 17 projects with Central component of Rs. 691.79 lakhs were sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Details of estimated foreign and domestic tourist arrivals in Himachal Pradesh from 1997 to 1999 are as under:

Year	Foreign Tourists	Domestic Tourists
1997	62,527	38,30,420
1998	75,206	41,80,366
1999	91,445	43,52,863

**Development of tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh**

2679. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme to promote and develop tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and